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Provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly*

To convene at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on Tuesday, 14 September 2004, at 3 p.m.**

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly (rule 31).[1]
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (rule 62).
3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly (rule 28):
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.[2]
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (rule 30).[3]
5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (rule 30).[3]
6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (rule 30).[3]
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (rule 49).
8. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee (rule 21).
9. General debate (resolution 57/301 of 13 March 2003).

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* Issued in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure.

** In paragraph 1 of its resolution 57/301 of 13 March 2003, the General Assembly decided to amend rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly to read: "The General Assembly shall meet every year in regular session commencing on the Tuesday of the third week in September, counting from the first week that contains at least one working day."

[1] For the text of rule 31, as amended, see resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002.

[2] This item remains also on the agenda of the fifty-eighth session (decision 58/565 of 23 December 2003).

[3] For the text of rule 30, as amended, see resolution 56/509.

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10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (rules 13 (a) and 48; resolutions 47/120 B of 20 September 1993 and 51/241 of 31 July 1997).[2]

11. Report of the Security Council (rule 13 (b)).[2]

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (rule 13 (b); General Assembly resolutions 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, 56/212 of 21 December 2001 and 58/231 of 23 December 2003 and decision 58/553 of 23 December 2003 and Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982).[2]

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (rule 13 (b)).

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (resolutions 1145 (XII) of 14 November 1957 and 58/8 of 4 November 2003).

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:

    (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council (rule 142; decision 58/403 of 23 October 2003);

    (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council (rule 145; decision 58/406 of 11 November 2003).

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and General Assembly decision 58/408 of 17 November 2003).

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:[2]

    (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (rule 155; decision 58/405 B of 17 December 2003);

    (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (rule 158; decision 58/412 of 17 December 2003);

    (c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (resolution 155 (II) of 15 November 1947 and decision 58/414 of 17 December 2003);

    (d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (resolution 351 A (IV) of 24 November 1949 and decision 58/415 of 17 December 2003);

    (e) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (resolution 248 (III) of 7 December 1948 and decision 55/319 of 23 December 2000);

    (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (resolution 3357 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974 and decisions 57/410 of 4 December 2002 and 58/421 of 18 June 2004);

    (g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences (resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988 and decision 58/409 of 3 December 2003);

(h) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit (resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976 and decision 57/416 of 6 June 2003);

(i) Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services (resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and decision 54/320 of 2 March 2000).

18. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (Security Council resolutions 827 (1993) of 25 May 1993 and 1329 (2000) of 30 November 2000 and General Assembly decision 55/320 B of 12 June 2001).

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (rule 136).

20. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (resolutions 58/106 to 58/111 and decision 58/526 of 9 December 2003).

21. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict (resolution 58/290 of 14 April 2004).

22. Assistance in mine action (resolution 58/127 of 19 December 2003).

23. Review of the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (resolutions 56/51 of 10 December 2001, 57/116 of 11 December 2002 and 58/90 of 9 December 2003).

24. Prevention of armed conflict (resolution 57/337 of 3 July 2003).

25. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (decision 58/513 of 3 December 2003).

26. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (resolution 58/239 of 23 December 2003).

27. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (resolution 58/27 A of 5 December 2003).[2]

28. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (decision 58/503 A of 10 November 2003).

29. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (resolution 58/7 of 4 November 2003).

30. Question of Cyprus (resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004).[4]

31. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo (resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004).[4]

32. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004 and decision 58/511 of 5 November 2003).[4]

[4] This item is included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth session in accordance with paragraph 4 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316.

33. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004 and decision 58/527 of 17 December 2003).[4]

34. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004 and decision 58/514 of 5 December 2003).[4]

35. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004 and decision 58/512 of 10 November 2003).[4]

36. Culture of peace (resolutions 58/11 of 10 November 2003 and 58/128 of 19 December 2003).[2]

37. The situation in the Middle East (resolutions 58/22 and 58/23 of 3 December 2003).[2]

38. Question of Palestine (resolutions 58/18 to 58/21 of 3 December 2003).[5]

39. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support:

    (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support (resolutions 57/7 of 4 November 2002 and 58/233 of 23 December 2003);

    (b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (resolution 58/235 of 23 December 2003).

40. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 58/122 of 17 December 2003):

    (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (resolutions 57/150 and 57/153 of 16 December 2002, 58/25 of 5 December 2003 and 58/114 of 17 December 2003);

    (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (resolutions 57/102 to 57/104 of 25 November 2002, 57/148 and 57/151 of 16 December 2002, 58/24 and 58/26 of 5 December 2003 and 58/115, 58/120 and 58/123 of 17 December 2003);[2]

    (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people (resolution 58/113 of 17 December 2003);

    (d) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan (resolution 58/27 B of 5 December 2003).

41. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children (resolution 58/282 of 9 February 2004).

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[5] This item remains also on the agenda of the fifty-eighth session (see A/58/PV.91).

42. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order (resolution 57/12 of 14 November 2002).

43. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004).[4]

44. Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (resolutions 58/236 of 23 December 2003 and 58/313 of 1 July 2004).

45. Information and communication technologies for development (resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004).

46. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields (resolution 58/291 of 6 May 2004 and decision 58/529 of 17 December 2003).[6]

47. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa (resolution 58/237 of 23 December 2003).

48. Sport for peace and development: International Year of Sport and Physical Education (resolution 58/5 of 3 November 2003).

49. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion (resolution 57/5 of 16 October 2002 and decision 56/455 of 21 December 2001).[7]

50. Oceans and the law of the sea:

    (a) Oceans and the law of the sea (resolutions 49/28 of 6 December 1994 and 58/240 of 23 December 2003);

    (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments (resolutions 57/142 and 57/143 of 12 December 2002 and 58/14 of 24 November 2003).

51. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (Security Council resolution 955 (1994) of 8 November 1994 and General Assembly decision 58/504 of 9 October 2003).

52. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (Security Council resolution 827 (1993) of 25 May 1993 and General Assembly decision 58/505 of 9 October 2003).

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[6] This item remains also on the agenda of the fifty-eighth session (see A/58/PV.86).

[7] This item is included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth session in accordance with paragraph 4 (d) of the annex to resolution 58/316.

53. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (resolutions 58/126 of 19 December 2003 and 58/316 of 1 July 2004).[8]

54. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters.[9]

55. Strengthening of the United Nations system (resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003).[8]

56. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit (resolutions 58/3 of 27 October 2003, 58/16 of 3 December 2003 and 58/291 of 6 May 2004).[6]

57. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations:

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union (resolution 57/48 of 21 November 2002);

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (resolution 57/36 of 21 November 2002);

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (resolution 57/35 of 21 November 2002);

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (resolution 57/34 of 21 November 2002);

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community (resolution 57/41 of 21 November 2002);

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe (resolution 57/156 of 16 December 2002);

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States (resolution 57/40 of 21 November 2002);

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization (resolution 57/38 of 21 November 2002);

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie (resolution 57/43 of 21 November 2002);

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (resolution 57/47 of 21 November 2002);

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (resolution 57/39 of 21 November 2002);

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (resolution 57/46 of 21 November 2002);

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (resolution 57/45 of 21 November 2002);

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[8] This item remains also on the agenda of the fifty-eighth session (see A/58/PV.92).

[9] This item remains also on the agenda of the fifty-eighth session (decision 58/565 of 23 December 2003). Its inclusion in the draft agenda of the fifty-ninth session is subject to any action that the General Assembly may take on it at its fifty-eighth session.

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (resolution 57/298 of 20 December 2002);

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States (resolution 57/157 of 16 December 2002);

(p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (resolution 57/42 of 21 November 2002);

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum (resolution 57/37 of 21 November 2002);

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (resolution 57/49 of 21 November 2002);

(s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (resolution 57/44 of 21 November 2002).

58. Reduction of military budgets (resolution 35/142 B of 12 December 1980).

59. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe (resolution 57/52 of 22 November 2002).

60. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (decision 58/515 of 8 December 2003).

61. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (resolution 58/32 of 8 December 2003).

62. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (resolution 58/33 of 8 December 2003).

63. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (resolution 58/34 of 8 December 2003).

64. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (resolution 58/35 of 8 December 2003).

65. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (resolution 58/36 of 8 December 2003).

66. General and complete disarmament:

(a) Notification of nuclear tests (resolution 42/38 C of 30 November 1987);

(b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the sea-bed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof (resolution 44/116 O of 15 December 1989);

(c) Disarmament and non-proliferation education (resolution 57/60 of 22 November 2002);

(d) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol (resolution 57/62 of 22 November 2002);

(e) Relationship between disarmament and development (resolution 57/65 of 22 November 2002 and decision 58/520 of 8 December 2003);

(f) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status (resolution 57/67 of 22 November 2002);

(g) Missiles (resolutions 57/71 of 22 November 2002 and 58/37 of 8 December 2003);

(h) Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements (resolution 57/86 of 22 November 2002);

(i) Regional disarmament (resolution 58/38 of 8 December 2003);

(j) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (resolution 58/39 of 8 December 2003);

(k) Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee (resolution 58/41 of 8 December 2003);

(l) National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology (resolution 58/42 of 8 December 2003);

(m) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context (resolution 58/43 of 8 December 2003);

(n) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation (resolution 58/44 of 8 December 2003);

(o) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control (resolution 58/45 of 8 December 2003);

(p) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons* (resolution 58/46 of 8 December 2003);

(q) Reducing nuclear danger (resolution 58/47 of 8 December 2003);

(r) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction (resolution 58/48 of 8 December 2003);

(s) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas (resolution 58/49 of 8 December 2003);

(t) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: a new agenda (resolution 58/51 of 8 December 2003);

(u) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (resolution 58/52 of 8 December 2003);

(v) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (resolution 58/53 of 8 December 2003);

(w) Transparency in armaments (resolution 58/54 of 8 December 2003);

(x) Nuclear disarmament (resolution 58/56 of 8 December 2003);

(y) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them (resolution 58/58 of 8 December 2003);

(z) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects (resolution 58/241 of 23 December 2003);

(aa) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament (decision 58/517 of 8 December 2003);

(bb) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia (decision 58/518 of 8 December 2003);

(cc) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures (decision 58/519 of 8 December 2003);

(dd) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (decision 58/521 of 8 December 2003).

67. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:

(a) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (resolution 57/90 of 22 November 2002);

(b) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services (resolution 57/93 of 22 November 2002);

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (resolution 58/60 of 8 December 2003);

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (resolution 58/61 of 8 December 2003);

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (resolution 58/62 of 8 December 2003);

(f) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament (resolution 58/63 of 8 December 2003);

(g) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (resolution 58/64 of 8 December 2003);

(h) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (resolution 58/65 of 8 December 2003).

68. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session:

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (resolution 38/183 O of 20 December 1983);

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (resolution 39/148 H of 17 December 1984);

(c) Report of the Conference on Disarmament (resolution 58/66 of 8 December 2003);

(d) Report of the Disarmament Commission (resolution 58/67 of 8 December 2003).

69. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (resolution 58/68 of 8 December 2003).

70. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (resolution 58/69 of 8 December 2003).

71. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (resolution 58/70 of 8 December 2003).

72. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (resolution 58/71 of 8 December 2003).

73. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (resolution 58/72 of 8 December 2003).

74. Effects of atomic radiation (resolution 58/88 of 9 December 2003).

75. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (resolution 58/89 of 9 December 2003).

76. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (resolutions 58/91 to 58/95 of 9 December 2003).[2]

77. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (resolutions 58/96 to 58/100 of 9 December 2003).

78. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004).

79. Questions relating to information (resolutions 58/101 A and B of 9 December 2003).

80. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations (resolution 58/102 of 9 December 2003).

81. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories (resolution 58/103 of 9 December 2003).

82. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (resolution 58/104 of 9 December 2003).

83. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (resolution 58/105 of 9 December 2003).

84. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India (decision 58/503 A of 19 September 2003).

85. Macroeconomic policy questions:

(a) International trade and development (resolutions 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, 55/182 of 20 December 2000 and 58/197 of 23 December 2003);

(b) International financial system and development (resolution 58/202 of 23 December 2003);

(c) External debt crisis and development (resolution 58/203 of 23 December 2003);

(d) Commodities (resolutions 57/236 of 20 December 2002 and 58/204 of 23 December 2003).

86. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (resolutions 57/272 of 20 December 2002 and 58/230 of 23 December 2003).

87. Sustainable development (resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 39/229 of 18 December 1984, 57/251 and 57/252 of 20 December 2002 and 58/209 of 23 December 2003):[10]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (resolutions 47/191 of 22 December 1992 and 58/218 of 23 December 2003 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35 of 18 October 2000);

(b) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (resolutions 57/261 of 20 December 2002 and 58/213 A of 23 December 2003);[11]

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (resolutions 57/255 of 20 December 2002 and 58/214 and 58/215 of 23 December 2003);[2]

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (resolution 58/243 of 23 December 2003);

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (resolution 58/242 of 23 December 2003);

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity (resolution 58/212 of 23 December 2003);

(g) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (resolution 58/219 of 23 December 2003).

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[10] The title of this item in the provisional agenda is worded as it appears in the provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004 approved by the General Assembly in its decision 58/553 of 23 December 2003. The General Assembly had earlier, in resolutions 58/213, 58/214, 58/215 and 58/219 of 23 December 2003, used the title "Environment and sustainable development".

[11] The title of this sub-item in the provisional agenda is worded as it appears in the provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004 approved by the General Assembly in its decision 58/553 of 23 December 2003. The General Assembly had earlier decided, in resolution 58/213 of 23 December 2003, to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: follow-up of the outcomes of the International Meeting to review the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action".

88. Implementation of the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly (resolution 58/226 of 23 December 2003).[12]

89. Globalization and interdependence (resolution 57/237 of 20 December 2002 and decision 58/545 of 23 December 2003):

    (a) Globalization and interdependence (resolution 58/225 of 23 December 2003);

    (b) International migration and development (resolution 58/208 of 23 December 2003);

    (c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (resolution 58/205 of 23 December 2003),[13]

    (d) Culture and development (resolution 57/249 of 20 December 2002);

    (e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (resolutions 48/181 of 21 December 1993 and 57/247 of 20 December 2002).

90. Groups of countries in special situations:

    (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (resolutions 57/276 of 20 December 2002 and 58/228 of 23 December 2003 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/17 of 22 July 2003);

    (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation (resolution 58/201 of 23 December 2003).

91. Eradication of poverty and other development issues (resolution 50/130 of 20 December 1995):

    (a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (resolutions 58/221 and 58/222 of 23 December 2003);

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[12] The title of this item in the provisional agenda is worded as it appears in the provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004 approved by the General Assembly in its decision 58/553 of 23 December 2003. The General Assembly had earlier decided, in resolution 58/226 of 23 December 2003, to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session an item entitled "Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)".

[13] The title of this sub-item in the provisional agenda is worded as it appears in the provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004 approved by the General Assembly in its decision 58/553 of 23 December 2003. The General Assembly had earlier decided, in resolution 58/205 of 23 December 2003, to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session a sub-item entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin".

(b) Women in development (resolutions 42/178 of 11 December 1987, 54/210 of 22 December 1999, 56/188 of 21 December 2001 and 58/206 of 23 December 2003);

(c) Industrial development cooperation (resolution 57/243 of 20 December 2002).

92. Operational activities for development:

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system (resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984);

(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (resolutions 35/81 of 5 December 1980 and 56/201 of 21 December 2001 and decision 57/548 of 20 December 2002 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/3 of 11 July 2003).

93. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (resolution 58/229 of 23 December 2003 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/59 of 24 July 2003).

94. Training and research:

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (resolutions 1934 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 58/223 of 23 December 2003);

(b) United Nations University (resolutions 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 57/267 of 20 December 2002 and decision 52/450 of 18 December 1997).

95. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (resolution 58/130 of 22 December 2003).

96. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family:

(a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (resolutions 57/164 of 18 December 2002 and 58/15 of 3 December 2003);

(b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all (resolution 57/166 of 18 December 2002).

97. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (resolution 58/134 of 22 December 2003).

98. Crime prevention and criminal justice (resolutions 58/4 of 31 October 2003 and 58/135, 58/136 and 58/138 to 58/140 of 22 December 2003).

99. International drug control (resolutions 48/112 of 20 December 1993 and 58/141 of 22 December 2003).

100. Advancement of women (resolutions 34/180 of 18 December 1979, 39/125 of 14 December 1984, 57/176, 57/179 and 57/181 of 18 December 2002, 57/311

of 18 June 2003, 58/144 and 58/185 of 22 December 2003 and 58/244 of 23 December 2003).

101. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (resolutions 50/203 of 22 December 1995, 57/182 of 18 December 2002 and 58/148 of 22 December 2003).

102. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (resolutions 428 (V) of 14 December 1950, 57/184 of 18 December 2002, and 58/149, 58/151 and 58/153 of 22 December 2003).

103. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (resolutions 44/25 of 20 November 1989 and 58/157 of 22 December 2003).

104. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995-2004 (resolutions 57/192 of 18 December 2002 and 58/158 of 22 December 2003).

105. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (resolutions 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965, 3380 (XXX) of 10 November 1975, 56/266 of 27 March 2002, 57/194 of 18 December 2002 and 58/159 and 58/160 of 22 December 2003);

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (resolution 58/160 of 22 December 2003).

106. Right of peoples to self-determination (resolutions 58/161 and 58/162 of 22 December 2003).

107. Human rights questions:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments (resolutions 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966, 39/46 of 10 December 1984, 57/202 of 18 December 2002 and 58/164 and 58/166 of 22 December 2003);

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (resolutions 57/207, 57/210, 57/211, 57/213 to 57/215, 57/221 and 57/227 of 18 December 2002 and 58/168, 58/170 to 58/173, 58/176, 58/178, 58/181, 58/184 to 58/188, 58/190 and 58/193 of 22 December 2003 and 58/246 of 23 December 2003);[2]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (resolutions 58/195 and 58/196 of 22 December 2003 and 58/247 of 23 December 2003);

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (resolution 48/121 of 20 December 1993);

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993).

108. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (resolutions 58/249 A of 23 December 2003 and 58/249 B of 18 June 2004):

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations Development Programme;

(c) United Nations Children's Fund;

(d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(g) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(h) United Nations Population Fund;

(i) United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation;

(j) Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

(k) United Nations Office for Project Services;

(l) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

(m) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

109. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (resolutions 57/279 of 20 December 2002, 57/281 B of 18 June 2003 and 58/276 to 58/278 of 23 December 2003 and decision 58/564 B of 8 April 2004).

110. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (resolutions 56/285 of 27 June 2002, 57/292 of 20 December 2002, 57/311 of 18 June 2003, 58/242, 58/243, 58/253, 58/255, 58/267 A, 58/270, 58/272 and 58/273 of 23 December 2003, 58/283 and 58/284 of 8 April 2004 and 58/294 and 58/295 of 18 June 2004 and decisions 57/562 of 20 December 2002, 57/589 of 18 June 2003 and 58/564 C of 18 June 2004).

111. Programme planning (resolution 58/268 of 23 December 2003).[2]

112. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.

113. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (decision 57/557 of 20 December 2002).

114. Pattern of conferences (resolution 58/250 of 23 December 2003).[2]

115. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003).[2]

116. Human resources management (resolutions 57/281 B of 18 June 2003 and 57/305 of 15 April 2003, 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and 58/296 of 18 June 2004 and decisions 58/564 B of 8 April 2004 and 58/568 of 18 June 2004).

117. Joint Inspection Unit (resolutions 57/284 of 20 December 2002 and 58/286 of 8 April 2004).

118. United Nations common system (resolutions 57/285 of 20 December 2002 and 58/251 of 23 December 2003).

119. United Nations pension system (resolution 57/286 of 20 December 2002).

120. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999 and decision 58/564 B of 8 April 2004).[14]

121. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244 (resolution 54/244 of 23 December 1999).

122. Administration of justice at the United Nations (resolutions 57/307 of 15 April 2003 and 58/87 of 9 December 2003).

123. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (resolutions 58/253 of 23 December 2003 and 58/295 of 18 June 2004).

124. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (resolution 58/255 of 23 December 2003).

125. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (resolutions 57/314, 57/318 and 57/321 of 18 June 2003, 58/288 of 8 April 2004 and 58/295 to 58/299 of 18 June 2004 and decisions 58/567 of 8 April 2004 and 58/564 C of 18 June 2004).

126. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola.[15]

127. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (resolution 58/300 of 18 June 2004).

128. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire.[9]

129. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (resolutions 58/295 and 58/301 of 18 June 2004).

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[14] This item remains also on the agenda of the fifty-eighth session (see A/58/PV.83).

[15] This item, which has not yet been considered by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, remains on the agenda of that session (decision 58/503 A of 16 September 2003). Its inclusion in the draft agenda of the fifty-ninth session is subject to any action that the Assembly may take on it at its fifty-eighth session.

130. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (resolutions 58/259 B and 58/295 of 18 June 2004).

131. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor.[15]

132. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (resolutions 58/260 B and 58/295 of 18 June 2004).

133. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (resolutions 58/295 and 58/302 of 18 June 2004).

134. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (resolutions 58/295 and 58/303 of 18 June 2004).

135. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991):

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (resolution 58/304 of 18 June 2004);

(b) Other activities.

136. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (resolution 58/305 of 18 June 2004).

137. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (resolution 58/261 B of 18 June 2004).

138. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (resolutions 58/295 and 58/306 of 18 June 2004);

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (resolutions 58/295 and 58/307 of 18 June 2004).

139. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (resolutions 58/295 and 58/308 of 18 June 2004).

140. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (resolutions 58/295 and 58/309 of 18 June 2004).

141. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States (resolution 55/153 of 12 December 2000).

142. Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts (resolution 56/83 of 12 December 2001).

143. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (resolution 57/14 of 19 November 2002).

144. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (resolution 57/15 of 19 November 2002).

145. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (resolution 58/74 of 9 December 2003).

146. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-seventh session (resolution 58/75 of 9 December 2003).

147. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-sixth session (resolution 58/77 of 9 December 2003).

148. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (resolution 58/78 of 9 December 2003).

149. International Criminal Court (resolution 58/79 of 9 December 2003).

150. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (resolutions 58/80 of 9 December 2003 and 58/248 of 23 December 2003).

151. Measures to eliminate international terrorism (resolution 58/81 of 9 December 2003).

152. Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (resolution 58/82 of 9 December 2003).

153. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings (decision 58/523 of 9 December 2003).

154. Observer status for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly (item proposed by China (A/59/141)).

155. Observer status for the Southern African Development Community in the General Assembly (item proposed by the United Republic of Tanzania (A/59/142)).

156. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi (resolution 58/312 of 18 June 2004).

157. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004).

158. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (resolution 58/311 of 18 June 2004).

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Report of the Secretary-General**

Summary

In its resolution 58/92 of 9 December 2003, the General Assembly reaffirmed the right of all persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities to return to their homes and endorsed the efforts of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian assistance, as far as practicable, on an emergency basis and as a temporary measure, to such persons. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to report to it, after consulting with the Commissioner-General of UNRWA, on the progress made in the implementation of that resolution.

The present report refers to correspondence between the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations regarding actions taken by the Government of Israel in implementing the relevant provisions of the resolution. It also presents the information made available by the Commissioner-General of UNRWA to the Secretary-General on the return of refugees registered with the Agency to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip from places outside the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

* A/59/50 and Corr.1.

** The present report could not be submitted by the slotted date, as it needed to include a response from a Member State which was received on 12 July 2004.

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1. The present report is submitted to the General Assembly in pursuance of paragraph 5 of its resolution 58/92 of 9 December 2003, entitled "Persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities", the operative part of which reads:

> *The General Assembly*,
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> ...
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> 1. *Reaffirms* the right of all persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities to return to their homes or former places of residence in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967;
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> 2. *Expresses deep concern* that the mechanism agreed upon by the parties in article XII of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements of 1993[1] on the return of displaced persons has not been effected, and stresses the necessity for an accelerated return of displaced persons;
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> 3. *Endorses*, in the meanwhile, the efforts of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to continue to provide humanitarian assistance, as far as practicable, on an emergency basis and as a temporary measure, to persons in the area who are currently displaced and in serious need of continuing assistance as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities;
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> 4. *Strongly appeals* to all Governments and to organizations and individuals to contribute generously to the Agency and to the other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned for the above-mentioned purposes;
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> 5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consulting with the Commissioner-General, to report to the General Assembly before its fifty-ninth session on the progress made with regard to the implementation of the present resolution.

2. On 12 April 2004, the Secretary-General had addressed a note verbale to the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, in which he drew attention to his reporting responsibility under the resolution and requested the Permanent Representative to inform him of any action his Government had taken or envisaged taking in respect of the implementation of the relevant provisions of the resolution.

3. In a note verbale dated 12 July 2004, the Permanent Representative of Israel replied as follows:

> "The position of the State of Israel on these resolutions has been set forth in successive annual replies submitted to the Secretary-General in recent years. In light of the desire of the State of Israel to bring an end to all acts of violence and terrorism in the region, improve the humanitarian situation and achieve a negotiated settlement in the context of the Road Map, Israel wishes to put its position on this matter on record.
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> "Israel supports UNRWA's humanitarian mission and recognizes its important contribution to the welfare of Palestinian refugees. We remain concerned, however, regarding a number of issues related to the politicization

of UNRWA's operations and the need to take due account of the campaign of terror being waged against Israel's citizens. As a humanitarian agency, it is also incumbent upon UNRWA to refrain from any actions or statements concerning political questions beyond its mandate. Israel is concerned that UNRWA has failed to address the problems caused with respect to the fulfilment of its mandate by the extensive terrorist infrastructure that has taken root in Palestinian 'refugee camps'. While Israel recognizes that UNRWA does not have a mandate to enforce security and public order, Israel urges UNRWA to draw attention to the misuse of these 'camps' by armed elements that violate Security Council resolutions and international law, and pose a clear danger to the safety and security of the civilian population, and the safe fulfilment of UNRWA's mandate.

"Israel believes that any resolution adopted with respect to UNRWA should focus on its operations, and not on extraneous political issues which are introduced to single out one country, to prejudge issues reserved by agreement for permanent status negotiations or to further the interests of one side to a conflict. There is no reason why resolutions on UNRWA, whose mission the international community supports, should be divisive and political.

"Israel supports efforts to consolidate UNRWA resolutions and remove from them extraneous political references. This goal is consistent also with general efforts aimed at the reform and revitalization of the General Assembly's agenda. In this context, and as a result of the efforts of the resolution's sponsors, Israel was able to vote in favour of resolution 58/95. Unfortunately, however, other UNRWA resolutions continue to be rife with irrelevant politicized rhetoric and superfluous or repetitious language. Accordingly, Israel voted against resolutions 58/91, 58/92, 58/93 and 58/94.

"Israel looks forward to continuing its cooperation and working relationship with UNRWA. Accordingly, Israel urges the Secretary-General and UNRWA to consider, together with the parties concerned, ways in which the organization can enhance the fulfilment of its mandate in an accountable and responsible manner in the best interests of those whom UNRWA has been charged to serve."

4. In connection with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 58/92, the Secretary-General has obtained from the Commissioner-General of UNRWA the information available to him on the return of refugees registered with the Agency. As indicated in previous reports on the subject, the Agency is not involved in any arrangements for the return of refugees nor is it involved in any arrangements for the return of displaced persons who are not registered as refugees. Its information is based on requests by returning registered refugees for transfer of their entitlements for services to the areas to which they have returned and subsequent correction of records. The Agency would not necessarily be aware of the return of any registered refugees who had not requested the provision of services. So far as is known to the Agency, between 1 July 2003 and 30 June 2004, 550 refugees registered with UNRWA returned to the West Bank and 148 to the Gaza Strip from places outside the Occupied Palestinian Territory. It should be noted that some of these may not themselves have been displaced in 1967, but may be members of the family of a displaced registered refugee. Thus, taking into account the estimate given in paragraph 4 of the 2003 report of the Secretary-General on the subject (A/58/119),

the number of displaced registered refugees who are known by the Agency to have returned to the occupied territories since June 1967 is about 24,600. The Agency is unable to estimate the total number of displaced inhabitants who have returned. It keeps records only of registered refugees and, as pointed out above, even those records, particularly with respect to the location of registered refugees, may be incomplete.

5. In connection with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 58/92, the Secretary-General refers to the report of the Commissioner-General of UNRWA for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004[2] and to the previous reports of the Commissioner-General for accounts of the continuous and ongoing assistance provided by UNRWA to persons displaced and in need of continued assistance.

Notes

[1] A/48/486-S/26560, annex.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 13* (A/59/13) (to be issued).